

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Beyond a shadow of a doubt the most temperamental and seemingly fanatical group of human beings are the dog breeders, the exhibitors at dog shows and in general, all dog fanciers.

Age is immaterial. The newcomers are as temperamental and high strung as the old-timers. Few people pursue other hobbies or professions as zealously as do the doggie folks. They appear to be abnormal, they resent criticism, they extol their own dogs as the most desirable of all.

Each dog fancier seeks the mirage of perfection in physical confirmation, knowing full well that the perfect canine just doesn't exist and this they learn to their disillusionment in showing their dogs time after time. However, such defeats do not dampen their spirits through the years.

They carry on furiously and at times vociferously. They may even neglect their own income jobs. They are strange folks, indeed! They argue with and against each other, they become angry competitors — yet, in an instant they shake hands, embrace each other and the loser congratulates the victor.

UNQUESTIONABLY, here is a strange company. On the whole they are warm-hearted people. Of course there are the exceptions as in any field of endeavor or triumph. The subject of the dog fancier is a living, understanding thing. They deal in life, itself; their obsession is not with ordinary livestock but with an animal which is said to come nearest to man in mental capabilities, namely, the dog, man's best friend.

Yet notwithstanding all the things I've just mentioned the dog people can be considered as warm-hearted and likeable folks tainted with a pleasing kind of insanity. Any of my readers disagree?

TALES FROM DOGDOM—Those who overfeed growing pups to make them big and healthy looking may be doing their beloved charges a disservice. The price of faster growth is frequently loss of longevity. The wife span can be increased by delaying the maturity of the off-spring. The delay can be achieved by underfeeding them in quantity but giving them the proper amounts of nutrients.

If Fido gets more of his food on the floor than he gets into his stomach, place his dish on an absorbent paper towel or one of the new paper plate mats. By so doing you can easily dispose of the spills and your floor will stay clean. No fuss, no muss and relatively inexpensive.

Rudyard Kipling once said "his name is not wild dog anymore, but the first friend because he will be our friend forever and ever and ever."

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cluding Senator Vest's Tribute to a Dog. Priced at only \$2, copies can be ordered direct from Accent Records, 6533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28... Celluloid star Rex Harrison has been named the 1967 National Kindness Chairman for the American Humane Association. The 53rd annual Be Kind To Animals Weeks will be celebrated May 7-13.

"A dog," observed Russ White over KYTM, "is a pal who doesn't give a damn about your pedigree, no matter how much you may care about his... Dog loving Douglas Ettridge, formerly of Santa Monica, now living in London, England... and get this address, 184 Fleet Street. So reminiscent of a passage from Sherlock Holmes.

BREED OF THE WEEK:

Kerry Blue Terrier... The Kerry Blue has been known in Ireland for well over 100 years but he is a newcomer to America as he was not shown in this country until 1922 and 1924 marked his acceptance by the American Kennel Club.

The breed's name comes from the old County Kerry, famed for its beautiful mountains and lakes. Here the Kerry found himself in the position of "jack of all trades," being used as a herd dog for cattle, sheep and mogs, a hunter of vermin and a retriever on land and water. He was NOT considered a show dog until he was chosen as the national dog of the Irish Republic and interested fanciers realized that properly trimmed and groomed, the raggle-taggle terriers would be smart-looking show dogs. Since that time the breed has become a top contender in bench show competition and a popular pet in both England and America.

The Kerry Blue has many advantages as a house dog, being a personable chap, alert and mentally keen, an ideal guard for children. His coat never sheds which should endear him to the meticulous housekeeper. His completely distinctive coloration and stylish outline gives him the individuality that causes his admirers to describe him as the "terrier that is different."

The Kerry Blue Terrier tips the scales at about 35 pounds and in height 18 inches.

(Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's Kanine Korner via radio, Monday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. over station KTYM, 1460 kes.)

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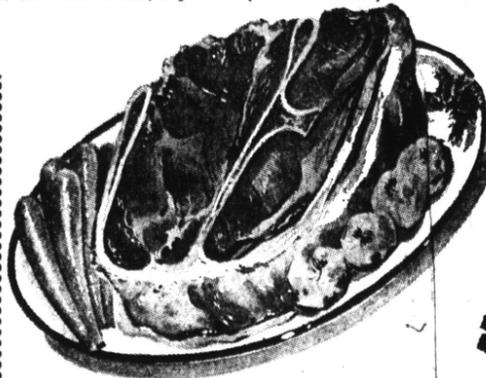
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